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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3rd February 2019

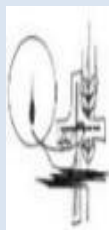
Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6:00pm, 8:00am, 9:30am & 6:00pm
Berry: 8:00am. Bomaderry: 9:30am
Culburra: Vigil 6:00pm
Vincentia: Vigil 6:00pm & 9:30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11:00am

Weekday Masses

Nowra: Mon 8:00am, Tues / Wed / Thurs 8:15am
Fri 7:00 & 11:30am – (Holy Hour – 10:30am)
Sat: 9:00am Berry: Tues – 5:30pm
Culburra: Thursday – 5:30pm.
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8:00am, Tues/Wed: 5:30pm
K. Valley: Tues/Wed/Thurs. 9:00am
S'haven Heads: Friday Feb 1st 3.30.p.m.
Confession / Reconciliation
Nowra: Sat 9:30-10:30am & 5:00- 5:30pm
Culburra: Sat 5:30pm Vincentia: Sat 5:00–5:30pm
Berry: following Mass on Tuesday c 6:00pm

We prayerfully remember the recently deceased: **Rudi Froncek** (Callala), **John Stanley** (K.V.), **Patsy Anderson** (Brisbane – Moira Anderson's mother), **Beth Jackson** (mother of Fr Michael Williams), and **Anna N. Thi Thank** (mother of Fr Francis Tran). Also **Jack Keane** and **Kathleen Cahill** whose anniversaries occur. May they rest in peace



A fond farewell: **Liz Nimmo** who has served as our very cordial and dedicated Parish Secretary for the past nine years will retire in two weeks. We sincerely thank Liz for her very diligent and loving service. May the years ahead be for Liz and her husband Bruce blessed with good health, fulfilment and contentment.

Eric Genuis Concerts at St Michael's Parish Hall, 21st Feb 7pm, and Holy Spirit, 28th Feb 6:30pm. The 'Opera House' is coming to our parish! Tickets: \$30 adult; \$25 conc; \$70 family (parents/dep child under 18). Online tickets at www.ericgenuistour.com or at the **Parish Office for the Nowra Concert and Holy Spirit for the Vincentia concert.**

As you are aware by now Fr Duane who has served our parish for the past 7 years, (his first priestly appointment), has been appointed by the Bishop as Administrator of the West Wollongong Parish. Fr Duane will take up this appointment on March 1st. More details in the near future

Children's Liturgy – Volunteers needed at St Michael's 9:30am Mass each Sunday, during school terms. No experience needed, just a desire to share the Gospel with the children. If you are able to help, please contact Toni Hodges 0411677899.

Catechists and Helpers - meeting **Mon 4th Feb**, 9:30am-11am. At the meeting, important dates & information will be shared. Afterwards letters & books can be collected.

Can we really make a difference? Yes! Catechists make a lasting difference in the lives of the young people that they teach. There has never been a more critical time to engage in the faith formation of our young people. If you can give 1 hour of your time per week to teach or help out in a classroom, please speak to Frances: 0413539370.



St Michael's Nowra - Volunteers needed - to arrange flowers, mow the Church lawns and clean the Church on a monthly basis Please contact Karen Sweeney on 0408214031 re flowers

and Bernadette Pullen on 0402136691 re mowing and cleaning.

St Michael's Rosters for February and March are being compiled for Readers, Church cleaning, mowing and flower arranging. Could all currently rostered, please advise of your availability for the year ahead. We are always happy to welcome new readers. Contact Bernadette 0402136691 or the Parish office.

Lenten Groups will commence on 4 March 2019. We need Group Leaders – anyone interested please contact Tina 4422 9250 or 0448 204 793



CWL Bay and Basin Branch will hold their first meeting for 2019 in the Hall on **Thurs 7th Feb**, with lunch at 12 noon & meeting at 1pm. All welcome. Phone Moya 4443 9698.

Plenary Council 2020 - Remember that there are three ways to give feedback: 1. Attend a small group discussion, 2. Complete a feedback form, 3. Make a submission on-line.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say>



St Michael's Playgroup – resumes **Mon 4th Feb** in the St Michael's School Hall Mondays 9:00am to 10:30am. Playgroup is held each

Monday, *during the school term*. Parents, grandparents, carers, all welcome! Please bring your child's snack and drink. Gold coin donation.



SVdP Drought Appeal in the Wollongong Diocese raised an amazing \$121,000 in 2018. We thank all those who contributed so generously to this urgent Appeal.

As this money was donated specifically to assist farmers who are suffering hardship because of drought, the Society is now anxious to respond to requests for assistance from farmers in such circumstances. **Farmers need call the Nowra Vinnies Care & Support Centre on 4421 0390 –Mon - Fri from 10am - 11:30am** and we will do all we can to help. Requests will be assessed following the established criteria in regard to this Drought Relief project.



CatholicCare Pastoral Carer Support Meeting – Vincentia/Nowra Group – will meet at Holy Spirit Church (in the Church Foyer), on **Thurs 7th Feb** from 10:30 – 12:30pm. If you

would like to arrange a Pastoral visit or become a volunteer please contact Rebecca – Rebecca.Miller@catholiccare.dow.org.au or 0448 930 287



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Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday March 6th
Easter Sunday 2019: April 21st
Proposed date for Confirmation Sunday May 26th

Holy Spirit Catholic Church - call for choir members.
If you have an interest in singing and would like to assist at the 9.30am Mass on Sundays, please have a word after Mass or ring Deirdre on 44437825.

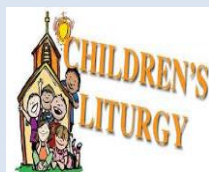
Prayer Basket, Nowra Church: The Alpha Team and Nowra Community Group have arranged a Prayer Basket in the side foyer. There are prayer cards where you can write a prayer intention and place it in the basket. An Alpha Team member will take the prayer intentions to the altar during the entrance procession



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Craft-Tea Characters - St Michael's The Parish Centre Wednesdays 9:30am to 12:00pm. There's more to it than craft you'll see. Like coffee, laughs, community, conversation and there's more. If you'll just walk in through the door. Give it a go and then you'll know, all you need to do is show. All Welcome. Contact Louise 0438 218 728.



Children's Liturgy Sunday 9:30am
St Michaels - children aged 4 and up gather together with our volunteer teachers to receive God's Word on their own level, in a fun and interactive way.



CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website www.cathfamily.org. Families in the are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with their kids.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program - Airs weekly. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can subscribe to weekly shows.

Parish Staff - Parish Office: 4423 1712
Fr Patrick Faherty: Parish Priest, Nowra
Fr Duane Fernandez: Assistant Priest, Nowra
Fr Leo Duck: Vincentia: 4441 5571
Fr Ronan Kilgannon: Kangaroo Valley.
Deacon Peter Presdee: Chaplain to Corrective Services
Sisters Beverley Caffery and Sue Barker SG
Mrs Frances Fairs: Catechist Coordinator 4423 1712
Mrs Liz Nimmo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712
Mrs Melissa Mazzo: PT Parish Secretary 4423 1712